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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Labor teamed with Democrats for showdown fight on TAFT-HARTLEY bill in Pa's 8th District special election this wk. It's poor test territory — prosperous, agricultural, conservative. Republican was well-known speaker of state House of Rep's; opponent headed local Newspaper Guild. Despite organized opposition, Republicans, in District as a whole, polled approx 61% of total vote—about 3% more than in '46. But in Allentown, largest city (pop 96,904), they lost 1½%, as against '46, carrying city by scant margin. This may indicate labor can expect results when they concentrate in large industrial areas, but more conclusive evidence is needed. . . . There seems to be widespread assumption that election of Republican Pres in '48 would result logically in strengthening Republican majority in Senate. This cannot be. Next yr, 14 Democrats and 18 Republicans defend Senate seats. Ten solid-south Democrats have no contest. With 4 or 5 exceptions every Republican will have stiff fight. Entirely possible we may see Republican Pres with Democrats holding Senate control. But in these undisciplined days party labels mean less than decade ago. In furthering foreign, or even domestic, legislation set-up might make little difference.

Sir WILFRID EADY, special asst to Great Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer: "The British are their brightest when gloomy." 1-Q

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I A R WYLIE, well-known woman novelist: "Women comprise more than half the world's adult population. No war could be conducted for more than 2 wks without their co-operation." 2-Q

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HENRY J TAYLOR, radio commentator, broadcasting from Berlin: "The Ruhr valley is the heart of Europe and Europe is having heart trouble." 3-Q

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WM O'DWYER, N Y Mayor, asked if he thought bookmaking could ever be wiped out in N Y: "I see very hopeful signs for that in the atom bomb." 4-Q

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FRED L YARRINGTON, pres Automobile Merchants Ass'n of N Y: "The economic factors which have forced price gains in automobiles were beyond the control of the mfrs. They have made industrial history in doing as well as they have." 5-Q

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Society of Friends, condemning universal military training and mfr of atomic bombs: "We believe that no nation can survive as 'a gov't of the people, by the people, for the people' that relies upon weapons of destruction to maintain its democratic way of life." 6-Q

FRANK EDWARDS, radio commentator: "The so-called solidarity of the western hemisphere may be nothing more than a good peeling on a rotten apple." 7-Q

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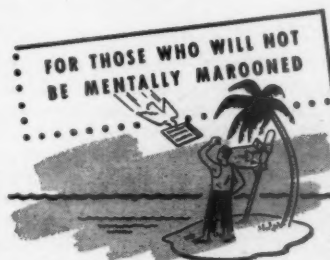
Generalissimo JOS STALIN: "Imperialist war is a profitable business. It is not surprising that agents of imperialism are trying one way or another to provoke a new war." 8-Q

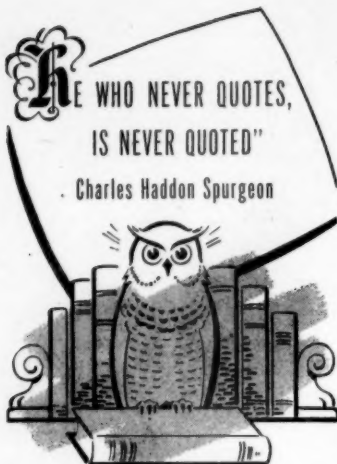
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Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: "It is a false concept that democracy can thrive only in plenty. On the contrary, history proves that it thrives on struggle and hardship and toil." 9-Q

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JAS BOYD, chief of Bureau of Mines and mbr presidential Committee on Foreign Aid: "There does not seem any prospect that supplies for our own people will have to be cut down dangerously—or probably even significantly—in order to help Europe." 10-Q





ACCOMPLISHMENT—1

It's a lot better to drive one thought home than to let three die on base.—HOWARD W. NEWTON, *Adv & Selling*.

ACTION—2

"Dough" begins with "do." — *Alexander Animator*.

ADVERTISING—Merchandising—3

Advertising is the force that brings the public toward the product; merchandising is the force that brings the product toward the public.—*Sales Mgt.*

ADVICE—4

Most of us give advice by the bushel but take it by the grain.—JOE JULIAN, radio program.

AGE—Youth—5

Never lose sight of the fact that old age needs so little, but needs that little so much.—MARGARET WILLOUR, *Nylic Review*.

BEAUTY—6

Nature has made two kinds of excellent minds: the one to produce beautiful thoughts and beautiful actions, the other to admire them. — JOSEPH JOUBERT, quoted in *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

BUSINESS—7

In business, as in school, it takes study to make the grade.—*Construction Digest*.

CONCEIT—8

Many a man, were the conceit taken out of him, would be about

like an umbrella with its ribs gone. —*Sunshine Magazine*.

CONQUEST—9

The honor of the conquest is rated by the difficulty. — EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt.*

CONVERSATION—10

The longer I live, the more impressed I am that if you give the other fellow a chance to talk 1st, you avoid many mistakes and much embarrassment. — *Brake Shoe's Private Wire*, hm, American Brake Shoe Co.

DESIRE—11

Everybody wants something. The practical man knows how to get what he wants. The philosopher knows what people ought to want. And the ideal man is he who knows how to get what he ought to want. —EDGAR BRIGHTMAN, Prof of Philosophy, Boston Univ, in *Young America*.

DIPLOMACY—12

A teen-age boy kept his seat when several women got aboard and stood in the aisle near him. One middle-aged school teacher glared at him and grumbled: "Hasn't anyone taught you not to sit down while ladies are standing?" "Oh, yes, ma'am," said the lad. "But that just means OLD ladies!" And he sat on while the school ma'am subsided. — *Denver Post*.

DISCRIMINATION—Racial—13

Reposing on the judge's desk in Nashville, N C, are 2 Bibles, one marked with the word *White* inscribed upon it, the other marked *Colored*. When a white witness is being sworn in, the court clerk holds the "white" Bible in his hand. But a Negro being sworn in has to hold the "colored" Bible himself. —*Catholic Labor Observer*.

ECONOMY—14

A Scotch farmer lived in a remote rural section where candles afforded the only means of light after sundown. The serious illness of his wife and a crippled horse added to his woes.

While aiding his wife one night at her bedside she suddenly suffered a sinking spell and the end seemed near. When she rallied a little later he seized the opportunity

to attend his horse, but before leaving for the barn he left with her this parting injunction:

"If ye' feel yarsel' a-goin'—blo' oot th' candle." — R K LESSEY, *Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

EDUCATION—vs Alcohol—15

Dr GEO B CUTTEN, when pres of Colgate Univ, said in a Convocation address: "...Everything I am trying to build up as an educationalist, alcoholic drinking tends to tear down. Am I trying to develop young men mentally? Alcohol destroys mentality, at 1st, temporarily, and by cont'd and increased doses this deterioration becomes permanent. Am I trying to build up young men morally? Alcohol is a potent cause of crime and immorality. Am I trying to stabilize young men's emotional control? Alcohol unbalances the judgment and disorganizes the emotions. The natural results of a college education and of consuming beverage alcohol are represented by divergently opposite poles."—HARRY S WARNER, "Some Educational Implications from Recent Scientific Understanding," *Scientific Temperance Jnl*, Summer '47.

For the Best 4 Yrs...

To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count nature a familiar acquaintance and art an intimate friend; to carry the key to the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake; to make friends among men of your age who are to be leaders in all walks of life; to lose oneself in generous enthusiasm and cooperate with others for common ends; to learn manners from students who are gentlemen and form character under prof's who are Christians — these are the ret'ns of a college for the best 4 yrs of one's life. —*Religious Digest*. 16

EDUCATION—vs Training—17

We have been confused about Education and Training. Training is clearly a process by which the pupil is taught to perform an act by imitating the manipulation of the teacher, doing it over and over until the act approaches perfec-

tion. That is the way we learn to operate a typewriter, a lathe, or a plasterer's trowel. Education, on the other hand, should acquaint the student with the ways of analyzing problems of all sorts and descriptions, so that his mind is keen and he understands the basic meanings and implications, and when he is faced one day with problems he has never solved or ever seen before he will be able to analyze the problem into its elements and proceed toward its solution. Education may use training extensively, the pianist will need to be trained in finger exercises and piano techniques, but he should also be educated in interpretation and expression.—Dr CARTER DAVIDSON, "Common Confusions," *Vital Speeches*, 8-1-47.

FACISM—18

Fascism is gov't by the few for the few.—*Pipefuls*, hm, State Mutual Life Assurance Co.

FAITH—19

When you get all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time to get your faith lifted.—ED WYNN, *Magazine Digest*.

GOD—and Man—20

A man can meet God on the golf links, but very few ever go out for that purpose.—*Christian Advocate*.

GOVT—Taxes—21

The gov't refuses you a chance at a ten per cent racket. It will not let you play one-armed bandits. It flattens all attempts to start a nat'l lottery. And you are not supposed to have an even chance at the Sweepstakes, cards with strangers, mining stocks, dice or matching coins. But did you ever gander any racket more onesided than taxes?—ARTHUR "BUGS" BAER, *syndicated col.*

HAPPINESS—22

A French grandmother bade her young granddaughter goodbye the eve of marriage.

"Remember, petite, to find some

way to stay happy! For when you are sad you grow plain; when you are plain you grow bitter; when you are bitter then you are very disagreeable; and a disagreeable woman has nothing — neither friends, love, nor contentment."—MONA GARDNER, *McCall's*.

Happiness multiplies as we divide it with others.—*Gospel Banner*.

They DO Say...

Those who are chronically worried over status of younger generation may be heartened by fact that some 9,000 vets, enrolled under GI Bill, are now studying for the ministry... HARLAN MILLER, statistically-minded columnist of *Des Moines Register*, figures our current loans to Greece and Turkey work out to about \$20 for each individual Greek and Turk... Air travelers arriving at London are no longer permitted to kiss or hug persons awaiting them. Too many use the embrace as dodge to smuggle in goods duty-free... *Kansas City Star* observes cynically that forest fires each yr destroy enough lumber to build 500 cocktail lounges, 3 race tracks, 97 roller rinks... "This May Signify Something" Dept: German cities that have habitually renamed streets with each administration change are now calling them in honor of historic philosophers... You may be intrigued to learn that in this era of advancing costs there is at least one ray of hope: It used to cost minimum of \$55 to file petition in bankruptcy. Under new Indiana law you can now get by for \$45!

HOUSING—Shortage—23

Brevity prize goes to the skillful author who, on response to a newspaper essay contest on the subject "What I Want in my Post-War House," sent in one well-chosen word: "Me!"—*Stove Builder*.

INSIGHT—24

The heart has reasons that reason does not understand.—BOSSUET, in *Woman's Home Companion*.

INSPIRATION—25

Enrico Caruso, famous operatic tenor, was asked to name the requisites of a great singer. "He must be a hard worker," he declared, "and he must have a good memory, a large chest and a big mouth. And most important, something in the heart!"—H N KUESSEL, "The Heart of the Matter," *Life Ass'n News*, 8-47.

JUDGMENT—26

Good and bad luck is a synonym, in the great majority of instances, for good and bad judgment.—JOHN CHATFIELD, *Think*.

LANGUAGE—27

In spoken English, haste has been the chief cause of increasing confusion. People use a rugged conversational style that in the leisured 80's would have been attributed to drink, mental decay or vicious upbringing.—ROBT GRAVES & ALAN HODGE, *The Reader Over Your Shoulder*.

LEADERSHIP—28

A great leader never sets himself above his followers except in carrying responsibility.—JULES ORMONT, quoted in *Chain Gang*.

LIFE—29

Our mortal mission is to put back into life more than we have taken from it; to rekindle extinguished lamps of hope; to redeem forgotten lives from loneliness; to lead a fellow pilgrim until the fog lifts and the vision clears; to enrich the poor spirit with the gold of understanding. So to journey is to hear a chorus of triumphant voices assuring us that we are not mere children of a day, but citizens of eternity.—*Papyrus*.

LOVE—30

Love is the only fire against which there is no insurance.—*Canadian Underwriters*.

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COMMUNICATIONS: New Western Union "push-button" telegraph system necessitates typing of message at point of origin only. Hand-typed on teleprinter, message relays to push-button center where printer perforator simultaneously prints message and punches combinations of holes in paper tape. Tape then "plays" message to proper receiving station. (*Think*)

INDUSTRY: Russians have developed new method for cutting metal electrolytically with no presence of flame. Toothless circular disk is connected to one side of standard direct-current welding set, with metal to be cut attached to opposite side. Thin stream of salt solution is applied to spinny disk which does not quite touch the metal—electric contact being thru salt solution. Upward of 100 amperes of current is supplied at low voltage. Metal rapidly dissolves and is carried away by disk's rotation. Great advantage, besides speed, is that metal is not greatly heated. (*HILTON IRA JONES, Rotarian*)

JEWELRY: Vulcain Watch Co, Manhattan, will introduce to U S mkt this fall a Swiss wrist watch with an alarm. Will retail for \$120 to \$300. (*Tide*)

OFFICE APPLIANCES: Gelatine duplicator makes up to 100 copies in as many as 5 colors of anything written, drawn or typed on ordinary sheet of hard surface bond paper. Hectograph ink, pencil, carbon or typewriter ribbon may be used. (*Hectographia Corp'n, N Y*)

OPTICS: Precision-made binocular small enough to fit into palm of hand weighs 4½ oz. Has interpupillary and separate eye adjustments, is made with light magnesium body. (*Parade*)

LUXURY—Definition—31

Six-ft, fiftyish, his face burned by weather, he stalked into the County Tax Appraisal Board's office. "The man," he said, "came out to my house with a long piece of paper. He say, 'You got a stove?' I say, 'Yes.' He say, 'Piano? Washing machine?' I say, 'Yes . . . Why you put all this down on that paper?' The man, he say, 'You got to pay tax on all luxuries.'"

"I say: 'I got 5 children. I buy my wife a washing machine. You tank dat a luxury? A piano so girl can study to be musician. You tank dat a luxury? I tell you what I tank. I be a landscape gardener. I work out in Beverly Heights district. Where I work stands a naked woman all cut out in stone.'"

The man paused for gestures. "She looks down into a pool. She cost \$1,000."

Then smiling and with further gestures, he added simply: "I tank dat be a luxury."—*Omaha World-Herald*.

MARRIAGE—32

Marriage with a good woman is a harbor in the tempest; but with a bad woman, it proves a tempest in the harbor.—*Petit-Senn*.

MONEY—33

Money is not a thing of value in itself. It is a token of things earned . . . Money is freedom from worry, insecurity, hurry, exhaustion, the narrowing of the view, the blight of the spirit, the fear that paralyzes, the resentments that poison the outlook, and the modes of escape that would destroy our fair land.

Money is but the key that opens the doors into the spacious American way of life.—*FRANKLIN BOBBITT, Prof Emeritus, Univ of Chicago*.

MUSIC—Power of—34

Dr Max Schoen, of Carnegie Inst of Technology, conducted an investigation involving 20,000 people scattered all over the U S. Subjects listened to phonograph records and marked on a chart their emotional reactions. The significant thing about this study was that undesirable moods, when present, were often changed to desirable ones. People listening to absorbingly beautiful music were relieved of their feelings of restlessness, nervousness, worry, fear. Here is a

finding of particular importance. It means that music is a prime medium for regulating the emotions, quelling the eruptive ones and cultivating the desirable ones.—*DORON K ANTRIM, "Music Molds Our Emotions," Etude, 8-'47*.

Well . . . ?

Peace throught all the earth will come to the race only when the genius of invention shall have so thoroly armed nations and individuals as to equalize their power or render death a sure result to all combatants in the field of war. It would be a mercy to the race if some gigantic means of slaughter, cheap as well as effective, and thus within the power of every nation and tribe to possess it, could be invented, whereby a whole army at a time could be swept out of existence.—*The Great Industries of the U S. (Hartford, 1873) 35*

ORIGIN—"Assassin"—36

There is an interesting story to the effect that there was once established in Persia a beautiful garden containing all the pleasures and delights the Mohammedan paradise is supposed to provide. Strong, cold-blooded, gullible young men were drugged with hashish and transported to this lovely paradise. After a few hrs of disporting themselves with the lovely hours maintained there, they were drugged again and told by a saintly-appearing man that they had been in paradise and could ret'n only after they had carried out the wishes of their god. Frenzied with hashish, these fanatics went forth on their errands of murder, the chief victims of which were the Arabian rulers of Persia and the Christians during the Crusades. The Arabs called these men, "hashshashin," from which we derive quite naturally our corresponding English word.—*DAVID T ARMSTRONG, Ladies' Home Jnl*.

PSYCHOLOGY—37

Don't tell your child, "If you go to bed, mama will read you a story." This "if" immediately suggests the alternative of not going to bed. Pick him up, start for the bed, and say, "After you're in bed, mama will tell you a story."—*JOHN D MURPHY, New Liberty*.

RACE—Discrimination—38

A Negro said, "If you discriminate against me because I am dirty, I can make myself clean. If you discriminate against me because I am bad, I can reform and be good. If you discriminate against me because I am ignorant, I can learn. If you discriminate against me because I am ill-mannered, I can improve my manners. But if you discriminate against me because of my color, you discriminate against me because of something Nature gave me and over which I have no control.—*Magazine Digest*.

RETRIBUTION—39

A man lost practically all his wk's pay at the race track. That night he told his wife that he'd had to pay some unexpected bills and she'd have to economize for a wk. Next day, to save money, he carried his lunch to the office. At noon he unwrapped a sandwich, took a bite and started choking. Friend wife had found a sheaf of losing tickets in his shirt pocket and decided they'd make a very economical sandwich spread.—*This Wk*.

SALESMANSHIP—40

A proper sales transaction consists of something completely worthy of sale which thru the intelligent efforts of a salesman equally worthy of its representation has been purchased by someone who can benefit fully by its possession.—ALVIN W HETTLER, "Dynamic Salesmanship," *Best's Insurance News*, 8-47.

SECURITY—41

In the yrs since the great depression the idea of security has become almost a fetish in this country. When carried to extremes this is not conducive to expanding employment and high standards of living. It is more conducive to a stagnant economy and an inadequate supply of enterprise.—RAY E ROWLAND, *Industrial Relations*.

TACT—42

A glamorous Hollywood star had her picture taken and fumed at the result. "I can't understand it," she said. "The last time I posed for you, the photographs were heavenly." "Ah, yes," the cameraman sighed, "but you must remember that I was 8 yrs younger then." —TOM SHIRLEY, *Radio Digest*.

UNKINDNESS—43

As a child I had a fiery temper which often caused me to say or do unkind things. Finally, my father told me that for each thoughtless, mean thing I did, he would drive a nail into our gatepost; for each kindness, a nail would be withdrawn.

As the nails increased, getting them out became a challenge. Finally the wished-for day arrived—only one more nail! As my father withdrew it, I danced around proudly exclaiming, "See, Daddy, the nails are all gone!"

"Yes," agreed my father thoughtfully, "the nails are gone—but the scars remain."—HAZEL FARRIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

10 Best Cities For Negroes

In *Negro Digest*, 10-47, HORACE R CAYTON, co-author, *Black Metropolis*, lists, in his opinion, 10 U S cities offering best economic, social and educational opportunities for Negroes: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles. 44

VALUES—45

A brother in America died and left a farm laborer in Scotland a large fortune. An att'y was named as the administrator, and it was his duty to find the lucky brother. The att'y traveled to Scotland to bestow the heritage. It was a simple task to trace the man thru the 40 yrs of ill-paid and often unpleasant labor. Everyone in the countryside knew him. The att'y approached him as he sat on a stool slicing turnips for the flock of sheep.

"Are you John McCluskey?"

"I am," was the answer, continuing his work without interruption.

"Your brother Jas is dead in N Y and he left you a great fortune. Come to the house with me so I can establish your identity and arrange for you to enter into possession of the estate."

"I'll talk to ye at sax o'clock, young mon," said the Scotchman. "I'll be working till then. Thy fortune will keep, but thay turnips will not." — *Cheeriology*, Henry F Henrichs Publications.



Capital and Labor

WM HOWARD TAFT

Ninety yrs ago this wk (9-15-1857) our 27th Pres and 10th Chief Justice of the U S was born at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was our 1st Chief Exec to urge the adoption of a Federal budget. He also negotiated important arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain. Our excerpt is from an address delivered at Cooper Inst, 1-10-'08.

It would seem for the benefit of everyone to increase the am't of capital in use in the world, and this can only be done by maintaining the motive for its increase.

Labor needs capital to secure the best production, while capital needs labor in producing anything. The share of each laborer in the joint product is affected not exactly, but in a gen'l way, by the am't of capital in use as compared with the number of those who labor. The more capital in use the more work there is to do, and the more work there is to do, the more laborers are needed. The greater the need for laborers the better their pay per man. Manifestly, it is to the direct interest of the laborer that capital shall increase faster than the number of those who work. Everything which legitimately tends to increase the accumulation of wealth and its use for production will give each laborer a larger share of the joint result of capital and labor. It will be observed that the laborer derives little or no benefit at all from wealth which is not used for production. Nothing is so likely to make wealth idle as insecurity of invested capital and property. It follows, as a necessary conclusion, that to destroy the guaranties of property is a direct blow at the workingman.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

Now that a speed of 1,000 mi per hr for passenger-carrying strato-liners may soon be a possibility, we may presently anticipate a dialogue such as this:

"What was that row of cathedrals we just passed over?"

"That wasn't a row of cathedrals. That was the Empire State Bldg, the Taj Mahal, Westminster Abbey and the Kremlin!"—LANE NORCOTT, *Daily Mail*. (London) a

" " The young wife greeted her husband affectionately when he ret'd from the office. "Poor darling!" she said. "You must be tired and hungry. Would you like some nice soup, tender chops with golden-brown potatoes and green peas, and mushrooms on toast?" "No, darling," her husband ans'd firmly, "let's save the money and eat at home."—*Financial Post*. b

" " When Herbert F Geisler, blind alderman, was taking a psychology course at the Univ of Chicago, he was allowed to bring his portable typewriter for a "yes-no" quiz. When the prof paused after reading each question, the class listened to the typewriter go "bang, bang, bang," or "bang, bang." Then the students wrote "yes," or "no."

That's why the class was extremely bright that day.—*Magazine Digest*. c

" " Veterans Administration recently rec'd application for \$10,000 of Nat'l Service Life Ins. "Don't you mean that you want to reinstate your policy?" the young man was asked. He insisted that it was an entirely new application, adding that he had served 3 yrs in the army. "Three yrs!" exclaimed the VA supervisor. "How did you avoid the army's high-pressure life insurance drives during those yrs?" "Well, you see," the GI explained, "I was the insurance officer."—*N Y Jnl of Commerce*. d

" " Mike Ward was known far and wide for his wealth of native wit. One day, during a dry spell, the future gov of Wis, W D Hoard visited the Ward farm. "Pretty dry,

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

LUCIUS BEEBE

DeWolf Hopper once stopped at the U S Hotel in Saratoga Springs. His room was at the rear, adjacent to the ry yards. A switch engine spent the night panting and hooting, to the great distress of the veteran actor. Finally, in desperation, he climbed from his bed, stumbled to the telephone and inq'd of the night clerk: "I say, young man, can you tell me what time this hotel gets to Chicago?"—*Gourmet*.

Mike, pretty dry," he said. "Dry ya sez?" repl'd Mike. "Hoard, it's so damn dry I have to soak the hogs to make 'em hold swill!" — *White-water* (Wis) *Register*. e

" " The famous artist was painting in the mountains and wanted a live subject for one of his sketches.

"I'll give you five dollars," said he to a languid native, "if you will let me paint you."

The mountaineer girl's eyes gleamed but she said nothing for a moment or two.

"That's easy money, stranger, I'll have to admit. I was just wonderin' how I'd get the paint off afterwards."—*Texas Outlook*. f

" " A Negro boy, going thru a cemetery, read this inscription on a tombstone: "Not dead but sleeping." The lad scratched his head a while and remarked to himself: "He sho' ain't foolin' nobody but hisself."—*Cactus News*, hm, Southwest Petroleum Co, Inc. g

" " Pres Lincoln appointed a successor to Gen'l McClelland to command the army of Va during the Civil War. The successor, anxious to make a good showing, wired Mr Lincoln upon his arrival at his

headqtrs, "Headqtrs in the Saddle." The dispatch promised action in a most enterprising and energetic fashion. Receiving the telegram and noting the dateline, Lincoln took the same before his cabinet, and calling their att'n to the gen'l's movements, blandly remarked as to the dateline: "The gen'l has his headqtrs where his hindqtrs ought to be."—J Tom Watson, quoted in *Miami Herald*. h

" " The atmosphere was a bit strained at the exclusive Southern resort until an excited newcomer, greeting Helen Hayes, the actress, gushed: "Oh, Miss Hayes, I just loved your performance in 'Mary, Queen of Squats!'" i

" " I know a fellow who's an artist, and he's always drawing and painting pictures of people with no clothes on. One day I asked him: "Why do you always paint and draw people in the nude?"

"Oh," he said, "I suppose it's because I was born that way." — *Forum*. j

" " Recent tricks played by the Internat'l Da'e Line have been penitently innocent, ever since it shared in the only unsavory gag to mar its history of service to mankind. In 1884, when the line was 1st plotted, it crossed a sugar plantation in Fiji. The planter worked his acres with indentured laborers.

Missionaries had worked hard to make sure all workers got Sunday off. The planter, feeling cheated out of a day's work, quickly snapped at the Da'e Line to trick the missionaries and slaves. As soon as it fell legally across his plantation he began working his labor east of the line on Saturday, then marching them over next morning to the west, where it was Monday.

The Missionaries, seeing labor done out of its day of rest, at once complained to the Internat'l Merid-

ian conference. As part of its punishment for abetting the greed of a planter, the Internat'l Date Line is bent today to avoid the Fiji islands.—JAS C CONNIFF, Columbia. k

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A certain inspector noted for his fault-finding propensities was inspecting a newly completed portion of the trans-Canada highway. He grumbled at everything. The crown was not high enough, the shoulder too steep, the ditches not deep enough, and so on. The foreman bore it all patiently. Then he straightened up to his full height and, looking the inspector in the eye, asked: "How is she for length?" — *Vancouver Daily Province*. I

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The mbrs of the primary class in Sunday School were to have a memory verse each Sunday morning. Maynard's mother taught him diligently thru the wk: "God is my helper." Sunday morning when she had the little fellow all dressed, she stooped to straighten his tie and asked him again to repeat his memory verse. To her chagrin, and amusement, too, the little fellow ans'd loudly, "My God help her." — ALICE M ELISON. m

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The grieving widow of a Cape Cod sea captain erected an elaborate carved tombstone to his memory. Under a spray of weeping willows were these portentous words: *Rest In Peace Till I Come*. — *Alexander Animator*. n

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The Viennese are telling this story about the recent London Conf, which was attended by Austrian Chancellor Figl: When the conf ended and the delegates were ready to leave, the doorman started to summon their conveyances. "Mr Bevin's Rolls Royce," he called. "Gen'l Clark's Cadillac," the doorman cont'd. Then: "Mr. Gusev's Packard." . . . And finally, when the Austrian Chancellor appeared, the doorman called: Mr Figl's galoshes. — LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col. o

The sanctuary was small; the bride's train was long. When the altar boy came to move the book, he was torn between the rubrics, his lessons in good manners (don't pass in front of a lady), and the hazard of a long barricade of satin. He hesitated for a moment. Then, calculating the distance carefully, he leaped over the train and brought the book to the Gospel side. — DANIEL J LORD, *Along the Way*. p

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Prof Emeritus Geo Odell, of Columbia Univ, gave an examination while teaching a course on the Romantic poets. One student turned in a paper which ans'd none of the questions but simply quoted Shelley's "To a Skylark" word for word. The paper was ret'd to the student with a brief notation in Prof Odell's hand: "F" to thee, blithe Spirit. — *Pleasures of Publishing*, Columbia Univ Press. q

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When the big Nashville fire was at its hottest (700 houses burned), a wit, living next to a church begged the fireman to turn the hose on the pastor's study. Shouted he: "If the fire ever gets to those dry notes, Nashville is doomed." — *Arkansas Baptist*. r

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A grateful mother called at the office of the doctor who had brought her child thru a serious illness. After thanking him profusely and declaring over and over that such service as his could never be fully paid for, she said, "But I hope you will accept as a token this pocketbook which I embroidered for you."

The physician retorted coldly that his fees were payable in money, not gratitude. "Presents maintain friendship," he commented acidly, "but they do not maintain a family."

"What is your fee?" the woman asked quietly.

"Two hundred dollars."

She opened the purse and took five \$100 bills out of it. Replacing three of them in the purse, she laid the \$200 on his desk and walked out. s

WISECRACKS

OF THE WEEK



MODERN PLAY-SUIT: "A pair of bandannas, and a worried look." — A BROWN, *Stapleton (Neb) Enterprise*.

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MOTHER-IN-LAW: A puzzle full of cross words. — *Judge*.

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Some of the little things that break up marriages are little blondes, little brunettes and little redheads. — *Jobber Topics*.

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Platonic love is like being invited down to the cellar for a bottle of ginger ale. — JACK H LOWE, *Sidney (Neb) Telegraph*.

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The only time some people work like a horse is when the boss rides them. — GABRIEL HEATTER.

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Tact is the ability of some women to block a man's advances without being deprived of his hospitality. — O A BATTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly*.

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Generations are needed to make a gentleman; mere circumstances make a lady. — *Liberty*.

When Jr asked about life his parents told him they had planted a seed and he grew from it. That night Jr put a watermelon seed under the rug. The next morning he lifted up the rug and there was a big cockroach. He addressed the cockroach sternly: "You're very lucky. If you weren't my son, I'd squash you." — *Canning Trade*. t

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Heifetz excused himself from some guests in his home, explaining that he hadn't picked up a violin for mo's and wanted to practice up a bit before his performance that night. From his study came the most exquisite 5 min rendition of *Mairzy Doats* you ever heard. Then Heifetz, practice over, re-joined his guests. — RICHARD P GILBERT, PM. u

Mining THE MAGAZINES



The United Nations Can't Keep Peace—OWEN J ROBERTS (Former Associate Justice U S Supreme Court), *Cosmopolitan*, 9-'47.

The UN charter recognizes that the 3 great powers—U S, Russia, Great Britain — possess together such strength that no little nation or group of little nations can stand against them. But . . . if any one of these great powers disagrees with the other 2, there is nothing short of war to force it to comply with their views.

Any nation opposing the Big 3 will be soundly punished. But what happens if one of the Big 3 is an offender? Then, the UN will cease to function. A dispute . . . will have to be settled outside the UN, either by diplomacy or by war . . .

But I am not without hope for world order and world peace. I think we could begin by federating those nations whose citizens have individual liberty and practice self-gov't. The people of all these nations can, and should, unite in one internat'l gov't. Such a federation would be the surest protection of the individual liberty and the economic welfare of all the people in it. Instead of a number of armies and navies, only one would be needed. Savings would be enormous. There would be more to spend for economic and social welfare.

The federation would have a single foreign policy; a single medium of exchange. The charter of the union should forbid economic discriminations among mbrs of the federation. Thus that wholesome freedom of interstate trade which has made the U S a great nation would be extended to the entire union of nations.

Finally, and most important of all, such a federation would be in

many ways the best guarantee of world peace. These truly free and democratic nations have a great preponderance of the scientific knowledge, wealth, industrial know-how and, consequently, power. Any other nation would be slow to attack such a union.

Such a union should remain in the UN. That body would be the best meeting place for delegates of such a federation and those of other nations who are unwilling or unable at this time to become mbrs of the federation. There is nothing . . . which would prevent the federation from participating in the UN. The alternative is to stagger on . . . in the vain hope that, somehow, diplomacy and power, which have always failed in the past, can keep us out of war in the future.

Campus Caravans — WM F McDERMOTT, *American Legion Magazine*, 9-'47.

Upwards of 10,000 veterans of World War II are back in camp again. This time they're dealing in books instead of bullets. They are living in trailers instead of barracks.

They are the largest "division" of the "army" of 100,000 vets — the total including their families — whom the housing shortage has led to live in "homes on wheels."

Most of the student veterans living in trailers are set up a la family style, with the comforts — and chores—of home. These "trailer towns" are substantial communities, well supervised and conducted with high health standards. At the Univ of Wis, 3 university-sponsored parks accommodate 231 trailers, housing 600 people, including 220 vets and their wives and 140 children. A few trailers are given over to bachelors.

The trailer residents govern themselves. Each park has its mayor. He is aided by 5 councilmen. Each park also has 6 "constables" with the power to make arrests, but they've had no work to do along that line. They're 'trouble-shooters — in case an oil heater threatens to blow up, or there's any other sort of emergency. Trailerites unite in conducting a cash-and-carry co-operative grocery store.

Who knows but what the trailer park for students will become as much of a tradition as the ivy-covered walls or the campus lovers' lane? There's food for thought in the fact that these trailers are bulging with babies. These toddlers are inoculated with the college atmosphere from birth. They will want to go to college, and why shouldn't they follow the tradition of their parents?

This WACKY WORLD

"Rev" ERNEST HALL, protesting arrest in Detroit, Mich, on charge of selling mutual betting tickets: "The good Lord says to me, 'Rev, you just go out and take them no-good gamblers' money . . . and build yourself a church.' I'm just going about the Lord's business."

J F HURY, Houston, Tex, mgr of Houston Oxygen Co, reporting that 40-cubic-ft "pocket size" tank is good for hangovers: "All you have to do is relax lying down, open the valve and sniff for a couple of hrs."

RICHARD A SULLIVAN, gen'l mgr of Detroit Bus Co: "Skirts are getting so long that women can't step from the curb to the bus without tripping—or lifting their skirts. If they trip, they're likely to get hurt. If they lift, the driver may peek and lose control of the bus. Either way it's dangerous."

